

such trial has been obtained from SCDNR. Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to SCDNR at least 14 days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of \$5 per trial and the time and location of the proposed trial. A charter or document indicating that the trial is sanctioned by a nationally recognized field trial organization must accompany all requests for field trial permits. For information, or to obtain a permit, contact SCDNR Small Game Project at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3609.

Hunting from Public Roads - It is unlawful to hunt from a public road unless the hunter has permission to hunt the adjacent property. Hunting as used in this section includes possessing, carrying, or having readily accessible, a loaded centerfire rifle, or a shotgun loaded with shot size larger than number four. Loaded means a weapon within which any ammunition is contained. This does not include weapons contained in a closed compartment, closed vehicle trunk, or a vehicle traveling on a public road. A person convicted of unlawful road hunting forfeits hunting privileges for one year. See **WMA Regulations Page 33** for restrictions on WMA lands.

Negligent Hunting - It is unlawful to use a firearm or archery tackle, in a criminally negligent manner, while in preparation for, engaged in the act of, or returning from hunting. Criminal negligence is defined as the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Night - Night is defined as that period of time between one hour after official sunset of a day and one hour before official sunrise of the following day. (50-11-710).

Night Hunting - Night hunting is unlawful except that raccoons, opossums, foxes, mink, coyotes and skunk may be hunted at night; however, they may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs. No buckshot or any shot larger than a No. 4, or any ammunition larger than 22 rimfire may be used. It is unlawful to use artificial lights at night, except vehicle headlights, while traveling in a normal manner on a public road or highway, while in possession of or with immediate access to both ammunition of a type prohibited for use at night and a firearm capable of firing the ammunition (50-11-710). Rabbit hunting at night without weapons is lawful on private land.

Rabbit Boxes - It is unlawful for any person to trap rabbits, except that a landlord or tenant may use not more than five rabbit boxes on lands on which he has exclusive control during the gun season for rabbits. A hunting license is required to use rabbit boxes. Rabbit boxes are not permitted on WMA lands (50-11-160).

Running Seasons (No gun season) - During any period when rabbits, raccoons, opossums, squirrels or fox may be hunted without firearms, it is illegal to hunt such game when carrying on ones person or in ones vehicle any firearm.

Shining - In all game zones, the use of artificial lights for the purpose of observing or harassing wildlife is unlawful, except that a property owner, lessee, or person with written permission from

the property owner may use artificial lights to observe wildlife prior to 11:00 p.m. This section does not prohibit an owner of real property from using artificial lights for the purpose of protecting the property. This section does not prohibit the use of remote trail monitors or cameras from fixed locations on a property, nor does it prohibit a person or group, with written permission of the landowner or leaseholder of the property, from observing wildlife with the use of artificial lights who is engaged in research or documentary filming. (50-11-708)

Selling Game Animals - It is unlawful to sell, except by special permit, any protected wildlife. Furbearing animals may be sold with a valid commercial fur harvest license. Contact SCDNR for a copy of the commercial fur harvest regulations.

Sunday Hunting - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays on all WMA lands. On private lands statewide Sunday hunting for all game is legal except bear hunting which is prohibited on Sundays in Game Zone 1.

Transporting Firearms - There are no SCDNR restrictions on transporting firearms by licensed hunters and fishermen in a vehicle to and from the place of hunting and fishing except on WMA lands. For regulations on WMA lands see Weapons 3.4 on page 33.

Trapping - Regulations are available in a separate brochure.

Trespass - It shall be unlawful to enter upon the lands of another for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping or retrieval of dogs without the consent of the landowner or manager.

Rifle Ranges

SCDNR operates three rifle ranges that are open for use during certain hours which are subject to change according to time of year, hunting seasons, etc. To confirm hours of operation, call the SCDNR Clemson office at 864-654-1671 ext. 18 or for Palachucola Range call 803-625-3569.

Pickens County Range - From Easley, take SC Hwy. 8 approximately 4 miles towards Pickens. Turn left on Breazeale Road. Drive ½ mile beyond SC Dept. of Transportation Maintenance Shop and turn left on Porter Rd. Go approximately ½ mile, turn left at the red gate. The range is located at the end of the gravel road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm (EST) or as posted. Closed Sunday and Monday. For more info call 864-855-5747.

SCDNR James O. Thomason Firing Range - (Spartanburg Co.) From Pauline, take SC Hwy. 215 approximately ½ mile east toward Glenn Springs. Turn left on Foster Mill Road and drive 2.5 miles (paved road becomes gravel road). Range is on the left side of the road.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm (EST). Closed Sunday and Monday.

Palachucola Range - (Hampton Co.) - 8:00 am-dark, Wednesday & Saturday except during deer & turkey hunts. Dates are posted at the range or call 803-625-3569 for more

information.

Manchester State Forest Rifle Range - (SC Forestry Commission, Sumter County) Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, \$5.00 per day or \$25.00 per year. Hearing protection required. For more info., call 803-494-8196.

US Forest Service Rifle Ranges

Cedar Creek Rifle Range - (Oconee Co.) Year round. Fully accessible to disabled visitors. Three of five shooting tables are under a shelter. For more info. call 864-638-9568 or FAX 864-638-2659.

Candy Branch Rifle Range - (Abbeville Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Five firing lines with left or right benches including one accessible to disabled visitors. For more info. call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

Beaverdam Rifle Range - (Edgefield Co.) Year round, sunrise to sunset. Eight open firing lines with left or right benches. For more info. call 803-637-5396 or Fax 803-637-2273.

Fairforest Rifle Range - (Union Co.), **Leeds Rifle Range** (Chester Co.), **Philson Crossroads Rifle Range** (Laurens Co.), **Indian Creek Rifle Range** (Newberry Co.) Year round, day use. All have six firing lanes, left and right benches are available, including one bench accessible to disabled visitors (except Leeds Rifle Range). For more info. call 864-427-9858 or Fax 864-427-3529.

Francis Marion Rifle Ranges - Year round, daylight hours only. Shooting tables, including one fully-accessible to disabled visitors. For more info. call Wambaw District at 843-887-3257 or Fax 843-887-3848 or Witherbee District at 843-336-3248 or Fax 843-336-4789.

WMA Abuse

Any person who damages, destroys or misuses WMA lands or improvements on them including, but not limited to roads, vegetation, buildings, structures or fences, or leaves refuse, trash or other debris on the property, or sets, makes or builds a fire (except in an area specially designated as a campfire area), operates a motor conveyance on areas or roads closed to operation, target practices, camps in areas except for designated campsites, disregards safety or restrictive postings as designated by the landowner or who otherwise abuses, damages, destroys or misuses wildlife management areas is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined \$200 and be required to make restitution to the landowner in an amount determined by the court to be necessary to repair, rebuild, restore or clean up the property to its condition before the abuse occurred. A person who is convicted of damaging, destroying, abusing or misusing Wildlife Management Area land twice in a three-year period shall lose the privilege of entering WMA land for one year (50-11-2210).